

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – PR&RD Department – Allegations of irregularities made on the substandard execution of works under NREGS for the year 2011-12 during the construction of CC roads and CC drains in the S.C. Colony of Kurnavalli (V), Tallada (M) in Khammam District against Sri G. Venkateswarlu, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Khammam District - Disciplinary proceedings under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 277.

Dated:01.05.2015

ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri G. Venkateswarlu, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Khammam District, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-II & III).
3. Sri G. Venkateswarlu, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Khammam District, is directed to submit within ten (10) days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.
4. Sri G. Venkateswarlu, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Khammam District, is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of article of those charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.
5. Sri G. Venkateswarlu, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Khammam District, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the period specified in Para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex parte.
6. Sri G. Venkateswarlu, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Khammam District, is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri G. Venkateswarlu, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Khammam District, is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule-24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

J. RAYMOND PETER
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri G. Venkateswarlu, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Khammam District
through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad.

(in duplicate with a request to serve and return the dated acknowledgement copy)

Copy to:

The General Administration (V&E) Department.

(w.r.t. Vigilance Report No.7 (1356/V&E/E2/2013), dt. 02.07.2014)

The PR&RD (PR.I) Dept.

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//FORWARDED: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE - I

(Annexure to G.O.Rt.No. 277 , PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept., dt.01.05.2015)

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES AGAINST SRI G. VENKATESWARLU, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PANCHAYAT RAJ DIVISION, KHAMMAM DISTRICT.

CHARGE:

That the said Sri G.Venkateswarlu, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Khammam has allowed and recommended for payment of substandard work in execution of CC drains in the S.C. Colony in Kurnavalli (V), Tallada (M) of Khammam District, under NREGS Programme. Thus, he failed to maintain absolute integrity in executing the said work and thereby deviated from his legitimate duties and loss caused to Govt.

BASIS:

The G.A. (V&E) Dept., in their Vigilance Report No.7(1356/V&E/E2/2013), dt. 02.07.2014 have reported that the V&E officials enquired into the petition received from the villagers of Kurnavally(V), Tallada (M), on the allegations of substandard quality in the NREGS works taken up by the PR&RD Department in Kurnavalli village, Tallada (M) of Khammam district and observed that the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh have accorded permission to take up a project for comprehensive development of SC/ST colonies under MGNREGS vide G.O.Rt.No.389, dt. 09.12.2011, PR&RD (RD.II) Dept. Accordingly, the District Collector & District Programme Co-Ordinator, MGNREGS, A.P. Khammam have accorded administrative sanction for the work of "Providing internal roads with CC Drains in SC colonies at Kurnavally (V) in Thallada (M), Khammam District" for Rs.295.00 lakhs vide Procs. RC.No.E2/EGS/6477/CDP (SC/ST)/PRED/2011, dt.31.01.2012. Technical Sanction for the work was given by the Chief Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad for Rs.215.00 lakhs vide TSR No.NREGS/KMM/204/2011-12, dt. 18.02.2012.

The G.A (V&E) Dept., have, among others, made the following findings:-

1. To assess the compressive strength of CC roads and Drains, (27) CC cores were extracted in the presence of field staff. Out of (15) cores extracted from the roads, the comprehensive strength results of all CC roads are satisfying except in East CC road individual strengths are satisfying but average strength is marginally varying. However, deficiency in thickness of CC roads in respect of (1) Bodrai to Ekkiralakrishnaiah CC road, (2) East road to R&B road is observed for which an amount of Rs.2,94,688/- shall be recovered int terms of Govt. Memo No.15320/Vig.I/2005, PR&RD, dt. 12.05.2006.
2. Three (3) cores samples extracted from the CC drain stretch of East road near R&B road failed to achieve the required compressive strength, hence the drains are proposed for rejection and relay. (Rejected value Rs.3,37,977/-).
3. Six (6) core samples extracted from two drain stretches i.e., Bodrai to Ekkiralakrishnaiah House & Road No.4 although failed to satisfy the strengths for the specified M15 grade CC, they are nearly satisfying the compressive strengths of the next grade i.e., M-10 grade CC. Hence, the difference of the cost of the cement quantity is proposed as recovery and the amount is worked out to be Rs.50,891/ (Rs.47,595/- in respect of Bodrai to Ekkiralakrishnaiah House drain & Rs.3295/- in respect of Road No.4 drain). As the strength (Bodrai to Ekkiralakrishnaiah House) of drains is not recorded and not proposed for payment, the recovery of Rs.47,595/- n respect of the Bodrai to Ekkiralakrishnaiah House drain shall be effected whenever the strength is proposed for payment.

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4. Deficiency in the thickness of the executed CC roads (1) R&B road to East road (2) Bodrai to Ekkirala Krishnaiah CC road, is observed for which recovery of Rs.2,94,688/- duly implementing the penalty in terms of the Govt. Memo No.15320/Vig.I/2005, PR&RD, dt. 12.05.2006 is proposed.
5. CC drains executed for the stretch i.e., East road near R&B road, the comprehensive strength results have failed to achieve the required compressive strength, hence the drains are proposed for rejection and to relay. (Rejection value of concrete works out to be Rs.3,37,977/-).
6. The CC drains failed to satisfy the Grade of Concrete as specified in the agreement.
7. The filed officers did not follow the specifications or CC roads while sanctioning the estimates. The specifications are frequently modified during execution stating the reason as to cover all the roads of SC/ST colonies of Kurnavally village within the sanctioned amount. The grade of the concrete and thickness of CC pavement depends on traffic and the purpose and as per the MORTH specifications, but not the availability of the funds.

From the above, it is evident that Sri G.Venkateswarlu, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Khammam, has shown Gross Negligence in discharging his Legitimate Duties which is caused loss to the Government exchequer and therefore, his action is in violation of Rule (3) of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE -II

(Annexure to G.O.Rt.No.277 , PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept., dt.01.05.2015)

LIST OF THE DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED AGAINST SRI G.VENKATESWARLU, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PANCHAYAT RAJ DIVISION, KHAMMAM

Vigilance Report No.7 (1356/V&E/E2/2013), dt.02.07.2014 of G.A.(V&E) Dept.

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ANNEXURE – III

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LIST OF THE WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED AGAINST SRI G.VENKATESWARLU, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PANCHAYAT RAJ DIVISION, KHAMMAM

-Nil-

J. RAYMOND PETER
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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